



**Homeland Security Advisory System
Recommended Actions*
Family**

Red (Severe)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels;
- Listen to radio/TV for current information/instructions;
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to authorities immediately;
- Contact businesses/schools to determine status of work/school day;
- Adhere to any travel restrictions announced;
- Be prepared to evacuate or shelter in place as directed; and
- Discuss children's fears with them concerning possible/actual terrorist incidents.

Orange (High)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels;
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities;
- Review family disaster plan with all family members;
- Ensure communications plan is understood and practiced by all family members;
- Exercise caution when traveling;
- Understand evacuation routes or shelter in place procedures;
- Be prepared to do without services you normally depend on that could be disrupted such as electricity, telephone, natural gas, gasoline pumps, cash registers, ATM machines, internet transactions, etc.;
- Do not be afraid to move or leave your location if you feel uncomfortable or if something does not seem right;
- If a need is announced, donate blood at designated blood collection centers; and
- Check on neighbors, relatives, friends that have special needs and assist them as necessary.

Yellow (Elevated)

- Complete recommended actions at lower levels;
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities;
- Ensure disaster supply kit is stocked and ready;
- Check/update telephone numbers and e-mail addresses in your family emergency communication plan;
- If not known, contact your children's school to determine their emergency notification and evacuation plans; and
- Develop alternate routes to and from work/school and practice them.

Blue (Guarded)

- Complete recommended action at lower level;
- Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities;
- Review stored disaster supplies and replace items that are outdated;
- Develop an emergency communication plan that all family members understand. Each family member should keep an updated copy of this plan; and
- Establish an alternate meeting place away from home with family/friends.

Green (Low)

- Take CPR/AED and first aid course;
- Develop a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit (The American Red Cross has resources to help you with a disaster plan and kit);
- Stay up to date on current events that relate to homeland security issues and discuss with all family members; and
- Keep important documents such as wills, insurance policies, birth certificates, banking records, etc. in an easy to find location.

* The information contained in this document has been gathered from various sources concerning homeland security and is believed to be timely. However, information on homeland security issues changes hourly. As a result, this information should not be used as the sole source for information concerning homeland security issues but only as a brief overview.